## BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Decision and Order against:

Jeanette Rae Ponce, M.D.

Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A68979

Respondent

Case No. 800-2014-008587

## CEASE PRACTICE ORDER

In the Medical Board of California (Board) Case No. 800-2014-008587, the Board issued a Decision adopting a Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, which became effective May 1, 2020. In the Board's Order, Physician's and Surgeon's License No. A68979, issued to Jeanette Rae Ponce, M.D., was revoked, with revocation stayed and Respondent placed on probation for five (5) years with terms and conditions.

Probationary Condition No. 2- CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - ABSTAIN FROM USE, requires Respondent to abstain completely from the personal use or possession of controlled substances as defined in the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, dangerous drugs as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4022, and any drugs requiring a prescription. This prohibition does not apply to medications lawfully prescribed to Respondent by another practitioner for a bona fide illness or condition.

<u>Probationary Condition No. 12 -</u> BIOLOGICAL FLUID TESTING, requires Respondent to immediately submit to biological fluid testing, at Respondent's expense, upon request of the Board or its designee.

If a biological fluid test result indicates Respondent has used, consumed, ingested, or administered to herself a prohibited substance, the Board shall order Respondent to cease the practice of medicine.

<u>Probationary Condition No. 15 - VIOLATION OF PROBATION CONDITION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSING LICENSEES</u>, requires that a cease practice order be issued immediately if Respondent commits a major violation of probation as defined by section1361.52, subdivision (a), of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.

Respondent has failed to obey Probationary Condition Nos. 2, 12, and 15 as ordered in the above Decision, by testing positive for Meprobamate. Accordingly, Respondent, Jeanette Rae Ponce, M.D., is prohibited from engaging in the practice of medicine.

The Respondent shall not resume the practice of medicine until thirty (30) days of continuous negative biological fluid testing are completed.

IT IS SO ORDERED January 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

William Prasifka

Executive Director